Reduction in allocation of budget

2292. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the budgetary allocations of her Ministry have been slashed from Rs. 500 crore to Rs. 400 crore in the current financial year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that certain instances of disproportionate expenditure were found during the months of November and December last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how the same have been reconciled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of tourist spots in Tamil Nadu

2293. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what concrete steps are being taken for the last two years to develop the tourist spots in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the specific plan taken up to focus tourism, potentiality of Tamil Nadu at national and international level during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism is a continuous process to increase the tourism potential in the country including the State of Tamil Nadu.

The Ministry of Tourism provides Central financial assistance on the basis of project proposals prioritized every year in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Tamil Nadu for the following schemes: